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Sir:

1. I, Walter Callen, am a co-inventor with Eric J. Mathur, on the above-identified patent application.

2. I am an expert in the field of molecular biology and was an expert at the time of the invention. I am presently employed as a research scientist at Diversa Corporation, San Diego, CA, assignee of the above-referenced patent application. My resume is attached as documentation of my credentials.

3. I declare that at the time of the invention it was considered routine by one skilled in the art to make multiple substitutions or multiple modifications in a nucleic acid sequence, such as a polypeptide coding sequence, and screen for functional products (e.g., variant enzymes) encoded by the modified nucleic acids. Thus, it would have been routine for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to make multiple substitutions or multiple modifications in a polymerase coding sequence and screen for functional variant polymerase enzymes encoded by the modified nucleic acids. For example, by 1996, high through-put *in vivo*

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(e.g., whole cell) nucleic acid expression and screening protocols were well known in the art. In particular, high through-put methods to screen for polymerase activity, such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR), were well known in the art. Accordingly, at the time of the invention it would have been considered routine by one skilled in the art to make multiple substitutions or multiple modifications in a nucleic acid sequence and to screen for functional variations.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fourteen years of experience in as a molecular biologist in an industrial setting.

Staff Scientist II - Diversa Corporation, San Diego CA. 6/94 - present.

Responsible for the development of screening methods and discovery of novel industrial enzyme clones to fulfill partnership agreements. The overexpression of target enzymes in bacterial hosts. Radiation Safety Officer. Head of Hybridization Department. Supervisor of two technicians.

Research Accomplishments:

- Discovery of over 500 enzyme clones
- Representing over 50% of Diversa's enzyme clones
- Among these are DNA polymerases, esterases, and glycosidases
- Assisted in the screening for dehalogenases, insecticides and bioactive pathway clones
- Utilizing high-throughput screening methods

Senior Research Associate - Stratagene Cloning Systems, La Jolla CA. 8/89 - 6/94.

Responsible for research and development of molecular biological products. Laboratory Manager. Chemical Hygiene Officer.

Research Accomplishments:

- Cloning of six DNA modifying enzymes
- The Clearcut Miniprep kit
- The Cyclist, cycle sequencing kit
- DNA primer synthesis via Hexamer Ligation
- Kb DNA size markers
- ExoMeth sequencing kit

Graduate Assistant - San Diego State University, San Diego, CA. 9/85 - 8/89.

Instructor for college cell biology laboratory course and grading lab reports. Prepared and presented course materials, preparing exams and assigning grades for beginning college biology laboratory course. Responsible for ordering supplies, washing glassware, autoclaving and P1 waste disposal for molecular biology laboratory.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Molecular Biology. San Diego State University, San Diego, CA. July 1989. Masters Thesis - Molecular Characterization of M308 a Flightless Mutant of *Drosophila melanogaster*.

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